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CHRISTMAS EVE IN CAMP.

Dedicated to W. J. W.

BY H. A. C.

Come, boys, don't spare the logs to-night;
Work with a hearty will,
And let our camp-fire warm and bright,
Blaze against your darkness bill.
The clouds are howling from the sky,
As if they fear the light;
Upon the ground, where soldiers lie,
The shadows damp and cold.
To take us on the air,
No matter if we have a care,
We'll cheer them with a song,
Till their hearts are all at ease.
The Christmas eve, dear boys, is here,
And by theuddy bly,
We'll speak of all we never tire,
When speaking of our boys.
We'll cheer the cheerful faces at home,
And those who wait for us to come.
To keep our Christmas cheer,
Our mothers and our wives need there,
Our mothers and our wives need there,
And some of us had sweethearts fair,
As sweet as any here.
From the logs, boys, let the blaze
Be lively and bright;
This is a night, in different ways,
A hallowed camp to-night.
Bright smiles from faces young and fair,
Take sunlight on our faces;
And in the tent, and in the hall,
Are laughter and our voices fall.
The music of a little tongue,
Lips smiling and content,
Telling of little things true,
Beside the little stove.
Then to speaking of us, boys, to-night,
With love and words, and prayer,
And promises to us, and to our light,
Because we are not there.
Well, boys, it is no shame to weep,
And only cowardly sneer,
When from the boys hearts true and deep,
With mother's love hearts true.
For the boys to-night, the sky,
And from the stars to-night,
Blaze on the water's edge, and there,
And shining winds sweep by.

Laws of Vermont, A. D. 1864.

Designated by the Secretary of State for publication in all the Newspapers.

AN ACT in amendment of section six of chapter eighty-three of the general statutes, entitled "Grand List."
It is hereby enacted, &c.

Sec. 1. That the first subdivision of section six of chapter eighty-three of the general statutes, be and the same is hereby so amended as to read as follows:
The following property shall be exempt from taxation, and shall not be set in the grand list:
First, all real and personal estate owned by this State, or by the United States, and all stocks, bonds, and other securities of the United States held by individuals, or corporations, which are specially exempt from taxation by the laws of the United States, at the date of the making of the list.

Approved, Nov. 22, 1864.

AN ACT in addition to chapter eighty-three of the general statutes in relation to the Grand List.
It is hereby enacted, &c.

Sec. 1. It is hereby made the duty of all tax-payers to present to the listers on or before the tenth day of April, in each and every year, a list of their real estate, as well as of their personal property, owned, occupied or possessed by them, on the first day of April of each year; and to give notice to the listers of all transfers by them made of real estate during the year preceding; and of all mortgages to the time aforesaid, when the mortgagee of any property has taken possession thereof.

Sec. 2. Whenever any person, person or corporation shall claim a deduction from the appraisals of personal property, for or on account of debts owing from such person, persons or corporations, it shall be the duty of the listers to require a statement, under oath, of the amount of United States stocks, bonds or other United States securities, claimed to be exempt from taxation under the laws of this or the United States, owned by or held for their or its benefit, and it shall be the duty of the listers in making up the list of any person, persons or corporations to deduct only such amount for debts owing as is in excess of such United States stocks, bonds or other securities, so by them held or owned, as set forth in this act. And if any person, persons or corporations shall neglect or refuse to return or disclose the number or amounts of United States stocks, bonds or other securities so by them held, in accordance with the provisions of this act, the listers shall not in making up the list of such persons or corporations, make any deduction from the amount or appraisal of personal estate for debts owing from such person or corporation, but shall, without reference thereto, proceed to make such list as

according to section four of chapter eighty-three of the general statutes.

Sec. 3. The listers shall return into the several town clerks' office a statement of the amount of United States stocks, bonds or other securities claimed to be exempt from taxation under the laws of this or the United States, and forward a copy of the same to the chairman of the committee to make up the grand list, on or before the third Tuesday of October of each year.

Sec. 4. So much of section twenty-seven of said chapter eighty-three of the general statutes, as requires personal or written notice to be given to or left at the counting-house, shop, store, office or dwelling-house of such person or persons as are assessed for money on hand, debts due, or to become due, stocks in trade, or manufactures of the same, in which he, she or they are assessed, is hereby repealed.

Approved, Nov. 22, 1864.

AN ACT relating to appeals from Probate Courts.

It is hereby enacted, &c.
Sec. 1. When an appeal has been allowed from any decree or denial of the probate court, or from the allowance or disallowance of commissions, the appellant at any time before the term of the county court to which said appeal was taken, may, by petition to said probate court for that purpose, on the payment of one dollar for the benefit of the State, be allowed to withdraw his said appeal, and such withdrawal shall be entered upon the records of the probate court, and shall have the same effect as the affirmation of the said proceedings by the county court.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved, Nov. 11, 1864.

AN ACT authorizing Probate Courts to extend the time in which widows shall make their election.

It is hereby enacted, &c.

Sec. 1. The probate court may, in their discretion, extend the time in which widows shall make their election agreeably to section six, chapter fifty-five of the general statutes, from time to time, during the settlement of any estate, as the exigencies thereof may seem to require.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved, Nov. 21, 1864.

AN ACT relating to the sale of real estate, including the homestead, by executors and administrators, and in amendment of chapter fifty-two of the general statutes.

It is hereby enacted, &c.

Sec. 1. When it shall be made to appear to the probate court that it would be beneficial to the widow and children of any deceased person who are interested in the homestead estate vested in them by the operation of the homestead act, or when it shall be made to appear that a severance of such homestead would greatly depreciate the value of the residue of the premises, or would be of great inconvenience to the parties interested, either in such residue or in such homestead, the probate court may, on application of either party, order the same to be sold in the same manner and under the same regulations as are provided in the case of the sale of real estate for the payment of debts.

Sec. 2. If such homestead shall be sold as provided in the preceding section, the probate court may control the investment of the proceeds of such sale in a new homestead, or their payment out of court, as in cases of the funds of married women.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved, Nov. 22, 1864.

AN ACT to amend section fifteen of chapter five of the general statutes.

It is hereby enacted, &c.

Sec. 1. Section 15 of chapter 5 of the general statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows:
"Sec. 15. Publishers of newspapers in this State who shall insert and publish in their respective papers all the acts designated by the secretary of State, as provided in the preceding section, shall be allowed twenty dollars for such entire publication."

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved, Nov. 22, 1864.

AN ACT in amendment of chapter eighty of the general statutes.

It is hereby enacted, &c.

Sec. 1. Section three of chapter eighty of the general statutes, is hereby amended to read as follows: The following days, to wit: the first day of January, commonly called New Year's day; the fourth day of July; the first Tuesdays of March and September; the twenty-fifth day of December, commonly called Christmas; and any day appointed or recommended by the Governor of this State, or by the President of the United States, as a day of fast or thanksgiving, shall, for all purposes whatsoever in regard to the presenting for acceptance or payment, and to the protesting and giving notice of the dishonor of bills of exchange, drafts, checks, and promissory notes, be treated and considered as the week, commonly called Sunday.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved, Nov. 22, 1864.

AN ACT authorizing the Governor to require the opinion of the judges of the supreme court in certain cases.

It is hereby enacted, &c.

Sec. 1. The governor, whenever in his opinion the interest of this State demand it, may require the opinion of the judges of the supreme court, or a majority of them, upon any question of law connected with the discharge

of his duties as executive of the State.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the judges of the supreme court, or any of them, to give in writing their opinion upon any question submitted to them by the governor in accordance with the provisions of this act.

Sec. 3. This bill shall take effect from its passage.

Approved, Nov. 15, 1864.

AN ACT to repeal sections five, six and seven of chapter sixty-nine of the general statutes.

It is hereby enacted, &c.

Sec. 1. Section five, six and seven of chapter sixty-nine of the general statutes are hereby repealed. Provided, however, that in case any minister of the gospel, or justice of the peace shall solemnize any marriage between parties either of whom shall be insane, or who may be for any cause whatever under guardianship, without the written consent of the guardian or guardians of such parties, or in case of a town pauper without the written consent of the selectmen or overseer of the poor of each of the towns where said parties reside, or which are liable for the support of the same, such minister of the gospel or justice of the peace solemnizing such marriage shall be liable to all the penalties prescribed in chapter sixty-nine of the general statutes, in the same manner as they would be, without the passage of this act.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved, Nov. 15, 1864.

AN ACT to amend section six of chapter one of the general statutes.

It is hereby enacted, &c.

Sec. 1. No citizen of this State, who has heretofore removed, or shall hereafter remove from this State, and shall have resided in any sister State, foreign State, Kingdom, or government, shall on his return therefrom be admitted to vote in any free-man's meeting in this State, until he shall have resided within this State for the term of one full year next preceding the day of such free-man's meeting, and shall also have taken the oath of allegiance to this State, and the oath to support the constitution of the United States, and the free-man's oath.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved, Nov. 22, 1864.

AN ACT to provide for the recording of the stamps of the United States internal revenue, and for other purposes.

It is hereby enacted, &c.

Sec. 1. Whenever there shall have been affixed any stamp or stamps of the United States revenue to any written instrument which by law may be recorded in any public office, the officer whose duty it shall be to record such instrument shall make a certificate on the record of the amount of stamps affixed to the original instrument, and of the cancellation thereof, which certificate shall be in the following words: "I hereby certify that United States revenue stamps to the amount of _____ were affixed to the foregoing instrument and were duly canceled."

A. B. (with title of office).

Sec. 2. Whenever a memorandum of the amount of such revenue stamp or stamps, and of the cancellation thereof, has been made upon the record of any instrument required to be recorded, whether by copying said stamp or stamps or in any other manner showing that the same were affixed to such instrument and duly canceled, the same is hereby declared a sufficient record thereof; and all records made in conformity with this act shall be deemed good and valid. Certified copies thereof may be received in evidence in all the courts of this State.

Approved, Nov. 15, 1864.

AN ACT in amendment of chapter twenty-five of the general statutes, entitled, "Of repairs of highway and bridges."

It is hereby enacted, &c.

Sec. 1. Section two of chapter twenty-five of the general statutes, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:
For the purpose of keeping in repair highway and bridges, the selectmen of each town shall, annually, previous to the twenty-fifth day of May, assess a tax of twenty-five cents on the dollar, of the lists of such town, to be paid in labor, and laid out in repairing highways and bridges; provided, however, it shall be lawful for any town in this State, at its annual March meeting, to vote that the highway tax of said town shall be collected in money. And when any town shall so vote the tax assessed on the list of such town shall be twenty-five cents on the dollar instead of twenty-five, which tax shall be collected in money without any discount thereon, on or before the first day of July in each year.

Sec. 2. Section four of said chapter is hereby amended so as to read as follows:
Each person who shall furnish work on the highways, in payment of his highway tax assessed by the selectmen, shall be allowed for a good hand, at the rate of fifteen cents for each hour; and the several towns at their annual meetings, and in case of their neglect, the selectmen may establish the price to be allowed for teams, carriages, and tools employed in making repairs.

Sec. 3. Section twelve of said chapter is hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. Section twenty-two of said chapter is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

If any person against whom a surveyor shall have a highway tax payable in labor, shall elect to pay his tax in labor and shall neglect to work out the same as directed by the surveyor, or if he shall elect to pay said tax in

money, and shall neglect to pay said money for the space of ten days after demand shall have been made by such surveyor for the payment thereof; in either case, the surveyor shall proceed to collect the same in money, and shall have all the power which constables by law have to collect State taxes, and shall have the same fees.

Approved, Nov. 22, 1864.

AN ACT to provide for the repairs of houses of public worship.

It is hereby enacted, &c.

Sec. 1. That when any building owned and used as a house of public worship, shall need repairs, any three persons who are owners of said house, may call a meeting of those who are proprietors or pew owners in the same, by posting up a notice upon the door of such house, at least fifteen days before such meeting, setting forth the time when such meeting will be held, and the business to be transacted at such meeting; and also causing said notice to be published three weeks successively, in some newspaper circulating in the town where such house of worship is situated, the last of which shall be at least two weeks prior to such meeting.

Sec. 2. On the day and at the time appointed for such meeting the same shall be organized by the appointment of a chairman, whose duty it shall be to preside in said meetings, and a secretary who shall keep a true record of all the proceedings in such meeting.

Sec. 3. Each individual owner of a pew or pews in such building shall be entitled to one vote for each pew, and at the meeting herein provided for, a committee of three shall be elected by ballot, which committee shall appraise each interest and establish the proportion each interest shall bear to the whole, and the charges for such repairs shall be assessed upon each interest of each proprietor, agreeably to the proportion established by such committee: Provided that this act shall not be construed to affect the rights or interests of any association formed by or under the provisions of chapter ninety of the general statutes.

Sec. 4. At any meeting of the owners or proprietors of any house of public worship holden pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this act, it shall be lawful for a majority of such owners or proprietors to assess or tax the pews contained in said house upon the basis of the appraisal fixed agreeably to the provisions of the foregoing section for defraying the expenses of repairing such house, and to direct and proceed to make such repairs as such majority may deem necessary; provided, that if any pew-holder does not assent to the vote requiring repairs, the remaining pew-holders who assent to the repairs shall pay said pew-holder not assenting, the amount at which his pew or pews are appraised, upon his executing to them, or such of them as may be designated, a quit-claim deed of his interest in such pew or pews.

Sec. 5. If the owner or occupant of any pew or pews so assessed, shall neglect or refuse to pay such tax or assessment to such person as may be authorized by said meeting to collect the same upon ten days notice and demand made after the completion of such repairs, it shall be lawful for such person authorized to collect such tax or assessment, to sell the pew or pews of such delinquent person, at public auction, to the highest bidder, upon giving notice thereof in the same manner as is provided in section one of this act, and the balance of the proceeds arising from such sale, if any, after paying such assessments, expense of advertising and fees equal to those allowed by law for the collection of an execution for the same amount, shall be paid by such collector to the owner of such property sold; provided that such owner or occupant may, within six months after such sale, redeem such property by paying to the person entitled to receive the same, the amount paid for such property with accrued interest.

And if such owner or occupant shall fail to redeem within six months, as provided in this section, such collector shall thereupon make, execute and deliver to the purchaser a deed of such pew or pews, which deed so executed, delivered and recorded, shall convey to such purchaser an absolute title thereto.

Sec. 6. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved, Nov. 21, 1864.

AN ACT in amendment of chapter eighteen of the general statutes, entitled "Of public burial grounds and their enlargement," and also in amendment of an act approved October 30th, 1863, upon the same subject.

It is hereby enacted, &c.

Sec. 1. Whenever any town shall neglect to place the public burial grounds of such town, or any one or more of the same under the charge and superintendence of cemetery commissioners, the selectmen of such town shall have the same power to grant and convey to any person, by deed duly executed, any designated lot, in any public burying ground, that are now conferred by the statute; and this is in addition, upon commission, to the power to sell such lots shall be paid into the town treasury, to be kept and appropriated by the selectmen, to the improvement and embellishment of such burying ground and keeping the same in order, in the same manner as is provided in said act in the case of commissioners.

Sec. 2. In case any town shall neglect or refuse to appoint commissioners agreeably to the provisions of said act, it shall be the duty of the selectmen of such town to accept, for

and in behalf of such town, all legacies and bequests and other gifts, for the improvement and embellishment of any public burying ground, and to apply and expend the same for such purpose, in the same manner as is provided in said act, in case of commissioners.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved, Nov. 18, 1864.

AN ACT fixing the time of holding county courts in the county of Windsor.

It is hereby enacted, &c.

Sec. 1. The stated terms of the county courts shall be held on the fourth Tuesday in May, and second Tuesday in December.

Sec. 2. So much of the twenty-sixth section of chapter thirty of the general statutes as relates to the time of holding the stated terms of the county court, for the county of Windsor, is hereby repealed; and an act entitled "An act altering the time of holding the December term of Windsor county court," approved Nov. 20, 1862, is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. All writs and processes made returnable to said court on the first Tuesday of December next, shall be returnable to and entered in said court, on the second Tuesday in December.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved November 31, 1864.

AN ACT laying a tax on the County of Caledonia.

It is hereby enacted, &c.

Sec. 1. There is hereby assessed a tax of one cent on the dollar on the list of polls and rateable estate in the several towns in the County of Caledonia, for the year 1864, for the purpose of meeting the deficiency in the treasury of said county.

Sec. 2. The treasurer of said county is hereby directed, on or before the first day of January, A. D. 1865, to issue warrants to the first constables of the several towns in said county for the collection of said tax, in the same manner as by law State taxes are required to be collected.

Sec. 3. The selectmen of the several towns in said county, shall make out and deliver to the first constables of their respective towns in the month of January, 1865, a tax bill for the collection of said tax, in the same manner as is required by law for the collection of State taxes; and the first constable shall collect and pay to the treasurer of said county the amount of said tax on or before the first day of June, 1865.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved Nov. 15, 1864.

AN ACT in addition to an act entitled, "An Act laying a tax on Orange County," approved November 6, 1873.

It is hereby enacted, &c.

Sec. 1. The treasurer of Orange County is hereby authorized to borrow on the credit of said county, a sum not exceeding eight thousand dollars, to be expended, or so much thereof as is necessary, in completing the building and furnishing the jail and jail house, now in the process of erection, in Chelsea in said county.

Sec. 2. The treasurer of the county of Orange, together with the county judges of said county, are hereby appointed a committee to settle with the building committee.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved, Nov. 22, 1864.

AN ACT authorizing the governor of the State to pay the expenses incurred for the defense of the frontier.

It is hereby enacted, &c.

Sec. 1. The governor of the State is hereby authorized to draw his orders on the treasurer for the expenses incurred in providing for the defense of the frontier, since the recent robbery in St. Albans.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved, Nov. 22, 1864.

AN ACT to pay for Gettysburg Cemetery, and provide commissioners therefor.

It is hereby enacted, &c.

Sec. 1. The governor of the State of Vermont is hereby authorized to draw an order on the treasurer of the State for a sum not exceeding thirteen hundred dollars, and pay the assessment due from the State of Vermont to defray the expense of completing the Gettysburg cemetery.

Sec. 2. The Governor of the State of Vermont is hereby authorized to appoint such commissioners as are required under the act incorporating Gettysburg cemetery, or any amendments to such act.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved, Nov. 18, 1864.

AN ACT making provisions for military expenses.

It is hereby enacted, &c.

Sec. 1. The sum of five hundred thousand dollars is appropriated to pay the military expenses of the State.

Sec. 2. The treasurer of the State is hereby authorized, under the direction of the governor and lieutenant governor, to borrow on the credit of the State, such sums as he from time to time shall find necessary for the purpose named in the first section of this act, not exceeding in the whole the sum of five hundred thousand dollars.

Sec. 3. For the sum of money so borrowed said treasurer shall issue the bonds of this State for such sums, payable on such times, not exceeding twenty years from the date thereof, at such bank in the city of Boston, Massachusetts, as the governor, lieut-

enant governor and treasurer shall direct.

Sec. 4. Each of said bonds shall be made negotiable; shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding six per cent. per annum; shall have semi-annual coupons signed by the treasurer attached thereto, shall be signed by the governor, lieutenant governor, and shall be countersigned by the treasurer, and a copy of this act certified by the secretary of State, shall be printed on the back thereof.

Sec. 5. The secretary of State shall keep in his office a full registry of all bonds which shall be issued according to this act.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved, Nov. 15, 1864.

AN ACT making provision for the support of government.

It is hereby enacted, &c.

Sec. 1. A tax of one hundred and twenty-five cents on the dollar is assessed on the list of the polls and rateable estate of the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, to be paid into the treasury, by the first of June next, in money, certificates or notes issued by the treasurer, or orders drawn on the treasury by authority of law.

Sec. 2. The sum of eighty thousand dollars is appropriated for the purpose of paying the debentures of the lieutenant governor, the senate and house of representatives, the contingent expenses of the general assembly, and such salaries as are provided by law; and such sums as are directed to be paid by the treasurer by special acts of the legislature.

Sec. 3. The sum of one hundred and twenty thousand dollars is appropriated for the purpose of paying such demands against the State as may be allowed by the auditor of accounts, and such drafts as may be drawn by the county clerks, as provided by law.

Sec. 4. The sum of twenty thousand dollars is appropriated to pay the contingent and incidental expenses of the executive and treasury departments.

Sec. 5. The sum of one hundred and twenty thousand dollars is appropriated for the purpose of paying the interest on the bonds and debt of the State.

Sec. 6. The sum of one million dollars is appropriated to pay such expenses as have been or may be incurred under the military law.

Sec. 7. The sum of ten thousand dollars is appropriated for the purpose of paying such warrants as may be drawn by the directors of the State prison in payment of the debts of the prison.

Sec. 8. For all taxes assessed by virtue of this act and paid to collectors of the same, before the first day of February next, there shall be allowed by the collector to the individuals or corporations making such payment, three per cent. on the amount paid, which allowance the treasurer shall credit to the collector on settlement of the tax; provided, the collector pays the money so collected, into the treasury before the fifth day of February next.

Sec. 9. The treasurer of the State is hereby authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the government, and paying such appropriations as are or may be made.

Sec. 10. Instead of the credit mentioned in section sixty-four of chapter eighty-four of the general statutes, the treasurer shall credit the several constables one-fourth part of the whole sum contained in the warrant by him issued for the collection of this tax to each constable, who shall be accountable to their respective towns for so much of such fourth part so credited as is not allowed by way of abatements to such constables, and this section shall not apply to any other tax but that assessed by this act.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved, Nov. 22, 1864.

STATE OF VERMONT.

SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE, Montpelier, Nov. 28, 1864.

I certify that the foregoing are true copies of acts passed by the general assembly of this State, at their October session, in 1864.

GEORGE W. BAILEY,

Secretary of State.

THE BAYONET.—Notwithstanding the improvements in artillery and portable firearms, the bayonet is still as it ever has been, the decisive weapon of war. It is the finisher of conflicts. The soldier ranks that have stilly held their ground for hours within range of a well served battery, or under a galling fusillade, often scatter and flee like wind-driven mist when out of the lurid death-clouds bursts the long line of gleaming steel. Very rarely do even the staunchest veteran infantry stand firm until the moment of actual contact. Bayonet charges are often arrested in mid-career by volleys of musketry and showers of grape and canister; but not once in a campaign by a defensive array of the same weapons. The onset is sometimes met by a counter-onset, and the front files of combatants exchange thrusts for a moment. In a few moments one or the other of the diligents gives way, and most of the bayoneting is done in the pursuit.

The modern saber-bayonet is cer-

tainly the most appalling of all im-

plements of death, and only veterans with nerves of steel tempered in many a fiery struggle can withstand its cold and cruel onslaught even for an instant. Our troops are taught to rely upon it as the grand *argumentum ad hominem* by which doubtful fields are decided, and they wield it more and more effectively each succeeding campaign. Of late they have been using it with fearful energy and corresponding success in carrying entrenched positions of the most